

CHURCH GUARDED TO FOIL JANE EST

Washington Heights M. E.
Members Feared New
Row at Service.

DR. PRICE VICTIM OF PLOT, FRIENDS SAY

Lay Trouble to Women Spurned
by Pastor—Recall Friction
Over Choir Head.

Fearing that Jane Est, the Industrial Workers of the World agitator, would repeat at the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church the disturbance she created on Saturday at the trial of the church's pastor, the Rev. Jacob E. Price, a detective was placed on guard yesterday morning before the service began.

The sleuth had nothing to do. If Miss Est was on hand she did not become active enough to excite attention, and the service went off as smoothly as had any of the others prior to the charges against the pastor by several women.

Combating the accusations against Mr. Price, two of the trustees of his church declared yesterday that the minister had really been "hounded" by the women, instead of forcing his attentions on them, and that the clergyman's refusal to give them encouragement so infuriated them that they decided to have vengeance by bringing charges against him.

The defence of Dr. Price was outlined yesterday for The Tribune by Walter Comfort, president of the board of trustees.

It will be shown, said Mr. Comfort, that the charges were part of a plot to oust Dr. Price from the church in retaliation for his supposed instrumentalities in bringing about the dropping of Charles Delmont as leader of the church choir.

As to the kissing charges themselves, he said, it would be shown that not only was Dr. Price innocent of even so much as an indiscretion, but that whatever improper conduct had occurred had been in the form of advances made to Dr. Price by certain women, and that they had been repulsed. Piqued at this, he said, their minds had been further worked upon by those interested in the spite plot against their minister, until they had been brought to twisted and exaggerated versions of what had really occurred.

"When the whole truth of the situation is placed before the trial court," said Mr. Comfort, "I do not think there will be any doubt that Mr. Price will be entirely exonerated. When these charges were first circulated, the board of trustees investigated them, and was almost unanimous in his favor. The only one who was not in his favor heard only one side of the gossip.

"The trouble over the choir leader, Delmont, came last April or May. His contract was not renewed by the music committee, and Dr. Price was blamed for this. Delmont threatened to sue, and it should be remembered that Mr. Dore, who is pushing the present charges against Dr. Price, was Delmont's counsel. It was finally decided to pay Delmont \$200, one third of his yearly salary, and the matter was dropped.

"There was a faction, however, that was determined to force Dr. Price out. They went around among certain women in the congregation and talked to them until they got them into such a state of mind that they were ready to say the things they have said.

"Dr. Price asked that the gossip be investigated and we did so. He told his version of the incidents, and after investigation, we accepted it without reservation.

"It should be remembered, also, that a great many of the things said against him were merely hearsay, and they became exaggerated by much repeating.

"Dr. Price's congregation has full confidence in him. When he appears before the court to-morrow he will, I believe, tell substantially the same story he told us, and there will be witnesses to back up what he says. There will be other points in his defence which I am not at liberty to discuss now.

"All this talk about an effort to 'white-wash' him by the court is nonsense. They are making a careful investigation. When I was before the court, the members were alert and eager for every point, and showed an earnest desire to get at the truth.

"Another to express confidence in Dr. Price was E. B. Treat, one of the founders of the church, and a member of the board of trustees. He has known Dr. Price for twenty years, and testified before the court that he knew of nothing derogatory to him in that time.

"Of course, the whole thing was inspired in retaliation and as a result of the trouble in the choir last year," Mr. Treat said. "There were a number who were determined to force Dr. Price out. They let it be known that unless he left the church they would bring forward charges.

Dr. Price did not make his scheduled address at last night's session of the annual conference, which was conducted by a committee of the Epworth League in commemoration of its twenty-fifth anniversary. His name remained on the programme, but no announcement or mention was made as to his absence.

Before the meeting a member of the committee explained that the accused minister had been barred from making the address. It was admitted, though, that the situation had been a matter of embarrassment both to the committee and Dr. Price, and that an agreement had been made the day previous that Dr. Price would not appear.

Dr. Price did not preach to his own congregation in the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday.

His pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Dr. G. A. McDonald, of Newburgh.

Dr. Rejane, of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in his sermon yesterday made the following reference to the charges against Dr. Price:

"Many human devils are secretly hoping that Dr. Price will be found guilty of indiscretion. They think this will help excuse their own villainies. The zeal of some of his persecutors seems to be born of retaliation and hate."

Preferred Hanging to Medicine.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 5.—Two weeks ago, while his physician was directing his boarding mistress how to administer some medicine to him, Charles Jacobson, of South River, fled from his room. No one reported having seen him until to-day, when two telephone linemen came upon him body hanging from a tree in the woods at Milltown. He had hammered a nail into the trunk of the tree, attached a piece of stout wire and then jumped from a heap of stones with the noise about his neck.

IF THEY PUT FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS IN LUDLOW STREET JAIL.



TWO OF THE "PERFECT GENTLEMEN" MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE ARGUMENT.

SUBWAY TRAIN DRAGS BOY

Passengers in Panic as Lad Is Trapped by Door.

Nathan Scol, a young Russian, living at No. 81 West 124th street, was caught by the foot by the closing door of a subway train as he was alighting at 86th street station yesterday afternoon. The train started and before it could be stopped Scol had been dragged 100 feet and his right leg was broken.

The accident caused a panic among the passengers. Scol was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital.

SEVEN HELD AS THIEVES

Rockaway Youths Charged with Looting Summer Homes.

Seven men, not one more than twenty-one years old, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Ennis, Toomey and Hemmerlich, of the Rockaway Beach station. A month's careful investigation convinces the detectives that their prisoners are guilty of a series of robberies at summer homes in the Rockaway section.

The men are all members of well-to-do families and have given no indication that they were doing wrong. They are Chester Boyle, seventeen, No. 567 Boulevard; his brother Harold, nineteen; Charles Ferguson, twenty, No. 39 Kane avenue; his brother George, seventeen; Sylvester O'Brien, twenty-one, No. 32 North Fairview avenue; John Radigan, seventeen, No. 113 North Division avenue, and John Meyer, twenty-one, No. 12 South Division avenue.

HAM BOMBARDMENT RAKES BROOKLYN CAR

Policeman and Conductor Hit by Missiles Until Man on Corner Is Nabbed.

Thomas Leonard, thirty years old, of No. 27 Kent avenue, Williamsburg, amused himself by hurling hams at cars passing Bedford avenue and North 4th street yesterday. One of the smoky missiles struck a conductor. The impact nearly knocked him over.

Patrolman Boyle arrived just in time to witness the incident and started to arrest Leonard, who used more hams to bombard the patrolman. Then Boyle summoned assistance.

The patrolman had scarcely placed their prisoner in a cell when Richard Schinbke, a provision dealer at Briggs and Metropolitan avenues reported that a barrel of hams had been stolen from his smoke-house.

Schinbke made a charge of burglary against Leonard.

'QUOROSITIES' DINE, THEN DIP AND HESITATE TO HONOR ZIP

Sir "Fitzherbert" Celebrates His Sixty-fifth Birthday with a Dinner-Dance in the Jungle Room at Healy's—Guests Include the Living Skeleton and Other Circus "Freaks."

Among the many charming dinner parties of last evening was that given in the jungle room of Healy's, Columbus avenue and 96th street, by Fitzherbert Bayard Zip to Mme. Maxine, Señorita Marie, Eddie Masher, Captain Jack Barnett, Miss Cherry Davis, Miss Maud Clifford, Fraulein Brunhilde, Princess Weenie Wee, Andrew Sturtz, Diamah Ali and Running Jump. The occasion was the sixty-fifth anniversary of Mons. Zip's birth.

Captain Barnett, who weighs fifty pounds in his stocking feet, presided, and pointed out to the society reporters who covered the affair that he, Sir Fitzherbert Zip and the other guests objected to being classified as freaks, although they are employed in that capacity by a concern known as Barnum & Bailey.

"We are not freaks," said Captain Barnett, standing on the table so his voice might be distinguished from the sound of escaping steam. "But we are quorosities. Quorosities we are, I say. Count Zip is a quorosity known from one end of the earth to all ends of the earth and in all parts of the globe and in both hemispheres.

"He is the best known quorosity in all corners of the world. He is a little above the average quorosity. Everybody knows Zip. He is the best known quorosity all over everywhere. Quorosities are known more than other persons, and Zip is a well known quorosity."

The applause dying down, Lord Zip rose to reply. He pulled down his vest, straightened his necktie, glanced along the table several times, smiled confidentially, and then said laughingly:

"Zumph! Grunkschafalownistheforalldomentometothedaidoftheirpats!"

The dinner was served, Zip took several and made known his satisfaction in much the same words as quoted above. Running Jump, the Indian chief, got up early, and, from his blank, set face an appearance of



ROCK IS ADAMANT; WANTS NO FIRST AID TO JAIL BREAKERS

Warden of Ludlow Street Against Providing Axes, Saws, Etc., for Prisoners, as Advocated by Fire Prevention Bureau.

Some one has at last taken a humanitarian interest in the inmates of Ludlow street jail.

Time was—when Julius Harburger was Sheriff—that the prisoners were able to enjoy a concert once in a while, a birthday party or reception, but since the official regime changed there has been nothing, and the inmates have had nothing to do but sit inside and look out.

Then came the Bureau of Fire Prevention, which discovered that prisoners in the East Side civil jail were so carefully locked up that they really had no much chance of escape even in case of fire. To rectify this an inspector waited on Thomas Rock, the warden, and after looking over the property recommended that fire fighting apparatus be installed, including a couple of axes and saws.

"Tom" Rock is a practical man, but he has a sense of humor. "Wouldn't it be a good thing," he suggested, "to put in a couple of rope fire escapes?" Rock did not wish to embarrass the inspector, so before the inspector could reply Rock said: "Do you know what this place is? It's a jail. We pay keepers here so much a year to see that the men don't escape."

brandy frappe—that the "quorosities" would return to the Garden as they had come, in a large, open faced sightseeing bus, which, as the purpose was, kept them from being observed by "crass" persons in the streets.

Boy Held as Panic Promoter

Francis Meade, nineteen years old, who refused to give his address, was held at Jefferson Market court yesterday in \$1,000 bail for examination on Wednesday.

The police say a new revolver was found on him, and it is believed he fired the shot in the poolroom at Seventh avenue and 42d street which threw the crowd on Broadway into a panic on Saturday night, and caused the smashing of the window of a clothing store.

Obenour Held for Extradition.

Harry Obenour, of Pittsburgh, who was arrested at the Broadway Central Hotel two weeks ago, following the death of his wife, Bessie Obenour, in Pittsburgh, was held in Jefferson Market court yesterday for extradition.

AMUSEMENTS.

HIPPODROME

9 "PINAFORE"
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PRINCE

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TOO MANY COOKS

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BOY CONFESSES HE IS 'DARING ROBBER'

Got \$15,000 Loot from
Score of Homes in St.
Petersburg, Fla.

ONLY 16, HE IS
SMALL FOR AGE

Suitcase Full of Jewels and Silver
Found in His Room After
Pawnshop Arrest.

Although only sixteen years old and small for his age, Stanley Bailey was held in \$5,000 bail yesterday after he had boasted to Magistrate Campbell, in Yorkville court, that his criminal record was long. He is wanted in St. Petersburg, Fla., which community is still talking of a dozen daring robberies that resulted in loot valued at thousands of dollars. Much of this was recovered in a room occupied by the boy at No. 100 West 44th street.

Young Bailey's troubles began on Saturday afternoon when he was in a pawnshop trying to dispose of a pocketful of rings, pins and watches. Lieutenant Boyle, of the Tenderloin station, who is at the head of the pawnshop squad, arrested him on suspicion. At the station he confessed that the police of Florida were looking for him, and when a loaded revolver was found on him he was locked up.

The chief of police of St. Petersburg was communicated with by wire, and yesterday morning a request was received that the prisoner be held until the arrival of extradition papers. Magistrate Campbell

was glad to do this after listening to a story such as is seldom heard in a police court.

"At the beginning of the winter," 13 boy said, "a wealthy hotel man took me from my home, in Wheeling, W. Va., to work in Florida. I spent a good part of the season in the man's employ, but tired of the work, left him and cultivated the acquaintance of an older youth, who lived in Tampa, across the bay.

"Since the end of January we succeeded in robbing the homes of about twenty-five wealthy men. We got diamonds, watches and other valuables, and the estimate of the police that we got away with about \$15,000 worth of stuff is probably about right. It was dead easy. We did our work usually while the owners were out at receptions or dances.

"The cops had to hire twenty-five extra men to watch for us, but we gave them the slip every time. As the robberies became more numerous the efforts to catch us increased, and the owners of valuables became more careful, so that we decided to quit the town while we had a good bunch of loot and liberty.

"Once when I had robbed a house and been caught at it I ran out of a back door, while the owner dashed from the front and notified a 'cop'. Then, while they were talking together, I went up and asked them what time it was. I got a watch worth about \$275 out of that house. The papers made a lot of talk about it because the watch was a heirloom. I pawned it and got money enough to come to New York."

Although he has been turning stolen goods into money every day, the police said that his rooms gave up a suitcase nearly full of watches, rings, silverware and other articles of value. They said what was there would bring at least \$2,000 pawned. Bailey was trying to pawn a ring given by "Jean to Julia" when arrested.

Naps Defeat State Leaguers.

Lexington, Ky., April 5.—The Cleveland American League team to-day defeated the Lexington team of the Ohio State League by a score of 6 to 2.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES AND SUCCESSORS.

THESE THEATRES HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE TYSON CO. BEST SEATS CAN BE OBTAINED AT BOX OFFICES.

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